

## REMARKS/ARGUMENT

This Preliminary Amendment is being submitted to change the multiple dependent claims to single dependent claims in order to eliminate the improper multiple dependent claims and to reduce the government filing fee.

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**APPENDIX B**  
**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**  
**37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(iii) AND (c)(ii)**

**CLAIMS:**

5. A pharmaceutical preparation according to [claims 1 to 4] claim 1 characterised in that the percentage ratio between the lactate and glycolate units in the lactic-co-glycolic copolymer varies between 100% and lactate and 90% of glycolate, both inclusive.

6. A pharmaceutical preparation according to [any of the previous claims] claim 1 characterised in that the encapsulated peptide of pharmaceutical interest is an analogue of LHRH.

8. A pharmaceutical preparation according to [claims 1 to 5] claim 1 characterised in that the encapsulated peptide of pharmaceutical interest is somatostatin or an analogue thereof.

10. A pharmaceutical preparation according to [claims 1 to 5] claim 1 characterised in that the encapsulated peptide of pharmaceutical interest is an analogue of human calcitonin.